

Tennessee State Library and Archives

LETTERS OF THE TENNESSEE GOVERNORS JOHN SEVIER 1803 - 1809 (Part 1)

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NAME	YEAR	PLACE	INCOMING OUTGOING	SUBJECT
*NA	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Copy of commission of George Washington Sevier as Aide to the Major General of the 1st Division Militia
*Cherokee Nation	1803	NG	Out	Seeks permission to build a road through Cherokee lands
*Governor of VA	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Acknowledges receipt of letter from the governor and forwards a copy of TN's act to set the boundary line between VA and TN.
NA	1803	NA	NA	Abstract of agreement between US and the Cherokee Nation to build a road through Cherokee lands
Brigadier Generals	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Circular ordering muster to be taken of the mounted infantry and forwarded to the executive office
Cherokee Nation	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Expresses sympathy that an unnamed person has murdered Indians and promises to apprehend him if he comes to TN. Also discusses building a road between GA and TN through Cherokee lands

Doherty (Colonel)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Compliments mounted infantry for performance and expresses expectation that they will be rewarded.
Doherty (Colonel)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders to take muster and dismiss men of the mounted infantry upon returning to Nashville
Doherty, George (Colonel)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Repeats orders to take muster and dismiss men of mounted infantry
Governor of GA	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Promises to bring to the state legislature a proposal to build a road between TN and GA
Governor of GA	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Repeats assurances of a favorable reception by the state legislature for the proposed road to GA
Harris (General) & Barnet (Colonel)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Offers a position as commissioners of the road from TN to GA
Inhabitants of Indian Lands	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Advises white settlers to remove from Indian lands in compliance with US law and treaty
King, William; Preston, Francis; & Dixon, Henry St. John	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Agrees to meet and receive communications
Maclin, William	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders to have militia troops mustered out of service and copies of payrolls made and forwarded to the US Department of War
Madison, James (US Secretary of State)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Acknowledges receipt of a letter concerning ratification of the 12th amendment to the US Constitution

McCrory, Thomas and Crutcher, Thomas	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders to pay Samuel Love \$143.54 for service to the state for copying papers from North Carolina
McMinn (Colonel)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses negotiation terms concerning dams and waterworks for building a road between TN and VA
McMinn, Joseph (Colonel); Wear, Samuel (Colonel); and Cowan, John (Major)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Gives the location to meet the road commissioners from GA and advises on possible areas of negotiation.
McMinn, Joseph (Colonel); Wear, Samuel (Colonel); and Cowan, John (Major)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Acknowledges receipt of their letter and commends them for good work concerning the road between TN and GA
Meigs (Colonel)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Introduces Samuel Gordon (Captain) and authorizes him to travel to the Creek Nation to attempt to obtain horses and other stolen property
Meigs (Colonel)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Asks that Indian chiefs be informed of the time and location for the meeting to lay out the road between TN and GA
Meigs, Return J. (Colonel)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Forwards an address warning white inhabitants of Indian lands to remove
Montgomery, Hugh (Colonel)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Forwards an address warning white inhabitants of Indian lands to remove
Overton, John	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	States that TN members of Congress have been informed of success of his mission to NC, asks that request for compensation for service be light, and mentions the acquisition of New Orleans

Overton, John	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Acknowledges service to the state and promises compensation
Peck, Adam	1804	Marble Springs [Knox County, TN]	Out	Allows for slight variation in a road's path but cautions against adding to the length.
President of the US [Jefferson, Thomas]	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Acknowledges receipt of letter and copy of a proposed amendment to the US Constitution concerning election of President and Vice President
Preston, Francis & King, William	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Acknowledges letter from the governor of VA [Subject not given]
Secretary of War	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses difficulties of raising and organizing militia and payment of them
Smith, Daniel (General) & Meigs, Return J.	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Informs of the appointment of Sevier and James Robertson as agents to the next Indian treaty negotiations
Snodgrass, William; Rhea, Robert; and Phagan, James	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Forwards a letter from Colonel Harryson requesting that militia commissions for Sullivan County, TN be withheld until a court martial is convened
TN Members of Congress	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Asks that an unspecified matter be brought before Congress before the TN state legislature is convened
TN Members of Congress	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses organization of mounted infantry and expectations for their payment
Treasurer of Mero District	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests for funds to outfit agents to the Indian treaty negotiations

Treasurer of Mero District	1804	Tellico Blockhouse	Out	Requests sixty dollars for expenses of TN agents to the Indian treaty negotiations
Turner (Governor of North Carolina)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter for an act of the TN state legislature ratifying and confirming an act of the NC state legislature concerning land rights
Turner, James (Governor of North Carolina)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter for an act of the state legislature concerning a proposed road
Winchester (General)	1804	Knoxville, TN	Out	Explains delay in sending commission for Brigadier of the militia

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NA	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Stay of execution for Samuel Forrester
NA	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Further stay of execution for Samuel Forrester
Chism, Elijah	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Suggests that Chism advise caution to his friends on an unnamed matter
Governor of GA	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests information about Phineas Miller and Eli Whitney's law suit against GA over copyright on the cotton gin
Governor of KY	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Notification of the arrest of John Stewart
Governor of South Carolina	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests information about South Carolina's plans regarding Eli Whitney's cotton gin

King, Walter; Alexander, John; and Bradly, William	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Appoints commissioners for the north fork of the Holston River
Lillard, William (Col.)	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Commissions Lillard to inspect the road between TN and GA
Lovely, William L. (Major)	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders the arrest of Twitty, Allen; Collins, Abraham; Rutherford, James; and Read for suspicion of passing counterfeit money.
Major Generals	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	General orders to have militia divisions organized and returns made to the governor's office
Meigs, Return J (Colonel)	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests time and place of Indian treaty negotiations
Preston, Francis and King, William	1805	Marble Springs [Knox County, TN]	Out	Acknowledging letter concerning opening the north fork of the Holston River for navigation
Scott, James (Colonel)	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Assures that efforts will be made to hold certain Indians responsible for assault and damage of property of William McNabb
Sheriff of Sumner County	1805	Tennessee [Knoxville]	Out	Orders to hold an election for Sumner County representative to Tennessee House of Representatives
Sheriff of Sumner County	1805	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders for the arrest and extradition to KY of John Stewart for horse thievery

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Governor of North Carolina	1806	Knoxville, TN	Out	Introduces Thomas Buckingham and asks that papers and books concerning TN land be turned over to him
White, James (General); Singleton, John (Major); & Kelso, Hugh (Major)	1806	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request from William Maclin that a review report of the conditions of the road between TN and GA be sent to the governor's office

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NAME	YEAR	PLACE	INCOMING OUTGOING	SUBJECT
Agent of the Creek Nation	1807	Knoxville, TN	Out	Mentions two murders and several robberies allegedly committed by Creek Indians and demands that efforts be made to find the guilty parties
Black Fox	1807	Knoxville, TN	Out	Informs the Cherokee of crimes committed by the Creeks and asks them to expel the Creeks from their territory
Meigs (Colonel)	1807	Knoxville, TN	Out	Mentions two murders and several robberies allegedly committed by Creek Indians and demands that efforts be made to find the guilty parties
Treasurers of East and West TN	1807	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders to pay the attorneys of Phineas Miller and Eli Whitney for the right to use the cotton gin

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NA	1809	Knoxville, TN	Out	Commissions George Doherty and Archibald Rhea to examine the road cut by John and George Lowry from Stones River connecting to the road to GA
Meigs, Return (Colonel)	1809	Knoxville, TN	Out	Informs that General Robertson has been made aware of treaty negotiation arrangements
Meigs, Return (Colonel)	1809	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses postponement of the treaty negotiations proposed by the Cherokee
Meigs, Return (Colonel)	1809	Knoxville, TN	Out	Proposes setting a new date in December for treaty negotiations with the Cherokee
Meigs, Return (Colonel)	1809	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses advantages of postponing treaty negotiations with the Cherokee until December
Robertson, James (General)	1809	Marble Springs [Knox County, TN]	Out	Informs that Colonel Meigs has been asked to arrange a meeting between Robertson, Sevier, and the Cherokee chiefs, and inquires about funds
Robertson, James (General)	1809	Knoxville, TN	Out	Seeks agreement to purchase supplies for the treaty negotiations from Messrs. Lyon and Clark as recommended by Colonel Meigs
Robertson, James (General)	1809	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses postponement of the treaty negotiations proposed by the Cherokee.
Robertson, James (General)	1809	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses postponing treaty negotiations with the Cherokee until December

Sheriff of Sullivan County	1809	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders to arrest for arson a slave named Barny who is in the possession of Isaac Shelby and extradite him to VA
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Chisum, James	1803	Claiborne Co., TN	In	Resigns as Claiborne County Surveyor
Chisum, James	1803	Claiborne Co., TN	In	Resigns as Claiborne County Justice of the Peace
Claiborne, Thomas A.	1803	*NG [Knoxville, TN]	In	Legislative reply to a letter from Sevier regarding duties of the TN General Assembly toward promoting the state's interests in the dispute over federal lands
Crawford, Sam	1803	Burrville, TN	In	Resigns as Surveyor of Anderson County
Emmerson, Thomas	1803	NG	In	Resigns as Knox County Justice of the Peace
Maxwell, Nimrod	1803	Grainger Co., TN	In	Resigns as Grainger County Justice of the Peace
Meigs, Return	1803	Southwest Point, TN [Roane County]	In	Requests that Sevier attend a meeting with the Cherokee regarding a road from TN to GA
Menefee, John	1803	NG	In	Resigns as Knox County Justice of the Peace
Overton, John	1803	Raleigh, [NC]	In	Requests more funds to complete his duties
Overton, John	1803	Raleigh, NC	In	Discusses the land dispute between the US federal government and TN

Renfro, James	1803	Claiborne Co., TN	In	Resigns as Claiborne County Justice of the Peace
Sims, Matthew	1803	Claiborne Co., TN	In	Resigns as Claiborne County Justice of the Peace
Templin, Samuel	1803	Washington Co., TN	In	Resigns as Washington County Justice of the Peace
Wharton, J.	1803	Nashville, TN	In	Resignation from the TN General Assembly
White, H.L.	1803	Knoxville, TN	In	Character statement for Joseph Duncan who is seeking a pardon from a conviction of manslaughter
Williams, Sampson	1803	Smith Co., TN	In	Resigns as Smith County, TN Surveyor

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NA	1804	Massachusetts	In	A copy of a resolution of the MA State House of Representatives to amend the US Constitution so that the number of US congressional representatives from a state reflect the number of its free inhabitants
Allen, Gabriel	1804	Dickson Co., TN	In	Resignation as Dickson County Justice of the Peace
Allen, Robert	1804	Jonesboro, TN	In	Resignation as Washington County Justice of the Peace
Anderson, John	1804	Davidson Co., TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by John Boyd
Anderson, John	1804	Davidson Co., TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by William Curl
Anderson, John	1804	Davidson Co., TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Samuel McBride

Ayer, Zacheus	1804	Springfield, TN	In	Resignation as Roane County Justice of the Peace
Brumsley, Thomas	1804	NG	In	Petition for reprieve from prison sentence
Childress, John	1804	Nashville, TN	In	Resigns as Davidson County Entry Taker and recommends Robert B. Curry as his successor
Clayton, George R.	1804	Louisville, GA	In	Copy of a resolution of the GA state legislature to appoint William Barnett, Roderick Easley, and Buckner Harris commissioners of the road from TN to GA
Doherty, George	1804	Natchez, MS	In	States plans to follow orders to return himself and troops to TN
Doherty, George	1804	Knoxville, TN	In	Resignation as Colonel of Jefferson County militia
Huffaker, Peter	1804	NG	In	Resignation as Claiborne County Justice of the Peace
Jones, Willis	1804	Bledsoeboro, TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Thomas Mastin
Jones, Willis	1804	Bledsoeboro, TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Benjamin Totten
Lea, James Jr.	1804	NG	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Benjamin Bradford
Lea, James Jr.	1804	NG	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by John Lea
Lea, James Jr.	1804	NG	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Daniel McPherson
Lea, James Jr.	1804	NG	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Alex Nelson
Lea, James Jr.	1804	NG	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by George Snuffer

Love, Robert	1804	Washington Co., TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Joseph Crouch
Love, Robert	1804	Washington Co., TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by James Patterson
Love, Robert	1804	Washington Co., TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Thomas Rockhold
Maclin, William	1804	TN	NA	Statement of receipt of payment for duties as Secretary of State
McMinn, Joseph; Wear, Samuel; and Cowan, John	1804	Knoxville, TN	In	Gives the status of progress on road to GA
Nichol, Josiah	1804	Knoxville, TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by David Deadrick
Nichol, Josiah	1804	Knoxville, TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Joseph Love
Nichol, Josiah	1804	Knoxville, TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by William Martin
Nichol, Josiah	1804	Knoxville, TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by Richard Mitchell
Nichol, Josiah	1804	Knoxville, TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by William Mitchell
Nichol, Josiah	1804	Knoxville, TN	In	Statement of pay due for services rendered the state by George Ridley
Overton, John	1804	Raleigh, NC	In	Discusses land dealings with NC and the status of this proposal in the federal congress
Overton, John	1804	Raleigh, NC	In	Discusses further progress on land dealings with NC
Overton, John	1804	Raleigh, NC	In	Briefs on progress of copying NC land grant records for land in TN

Overton, John	1804	Raleigh, NC	NA	Copy of letter to W. Dickson regarding passage of a bill in the US congress in favor of TN in the land dispute with NC
Overton, John	1804	Raleigh, NC	In	Makes recommendation to wait for congressional rule before convening the state legislature
Overton, John	1804	Raleigh, NC	In	Reports completion of business of TN in NC and preparations to return to TN
Preston, George	1804	NG	In	Resignation as Roane County Justice of the Peace
Wear, Samuel	1804	Knoxville, TN	In	Claim for pay due for services rendered the state